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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Marc #1 Project,
S/053/060, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Lamoreaux:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and permit application fee, received by the Division on March 5, 2001. The proposed Marc #1 Project is located in the NW1/4 of Section 11, T41, R15W, SLBM, Washington County, Utah. The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. As a clarification, the surface ownership of the area where your permit is located belongs to the United States Forest Service (USFS), the owner of the minerals at the site is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Acceptance by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon federal lands or minerals managed by the BLM or USFS. Before conducting mining operations, you must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency(s).

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(1)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee. A check for the permit fees associated with this Notice of Intention was included with your submittal. However, a check for \$100 was received by the Division on October 12, 2000, which covered the fees for the operating year July 2000 to July 2001. Therefore, the \$100.00 check received with this submittal is being returned to you. The permit fee will be due again in July; you will receive a billing notice for payment of that fee.

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For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO-1&2, \$100.00 check #2001
cc: Larry Gore, BLM (w/copy of application)
Steve Winslow, USFS, Dixie NF
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